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Professor Larry Gross, Editor-in-Chief  
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Dear Professor Gross:

I am enclosing a submission to *International Journal of Communication* entitled “The Role of Communication Behaviors and Rumors in Adolescents’ Perceptions and Participation Regarding a Sociopolitical Issue: A Heuristic-Systematic Model”. It is 29 pages long and includes 4 tables and 2 figures.

In this manuscript, we focus on how adolescents’ communication behaviors influence their acceptance of sociopolitical rumors as well as their perceptions and behaviors in the context of the 2008 Mad Cow Disease scare in South Korea. Drawing from the heuristic-systematic model of information processing, we highlight the importance of examining the patterns as well as the overall level of communication behaviors to understand the different modes of information processing underlying rumor acceptance and the effects of rumors.

This paper has not been published or submitted for publication review at another journal. My coauthor and I do not have any interests that might be interpreted as influencing the research. I will be serving as the corresponding author for this manuscript. My coauthor has agreed to the order of authors and to submission of the manuscript in this form.

Thank you for considering our manuscript. We look forward to the possibility of publishing it in *IJoC*.

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